# FY10 Operating Budget Forum Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center

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## County Executive Priorities

- 1. Affordable Housing in an Inclusive Community
- 2. Children Prepared to Live and Learn
- 3. An Efficient and Effective Transportation Network
- 4. Healthy and Sustainable Neighborhoods
- 5. Responsive, Accountable County Government
- 6. Safe Streets and Secure Neighborhoods
- 7. Strong and Vital economy
- 8. Vital Living for All of Our Residents

## Operating Budget Process

- MCG Departments Prepare Submissions: Sept-December
- Agencies submit budgets to County Executive/Council
   December/January
- OMB Reviews Submissions and Makes Recommendations to County Executive December -March
- County Executive Transmits Budget to the County Council on March 16
- County Council Public Hearings Early April
- County Council reviews budgets April May
- County Council Approves Budget and Taxes by June

## Two Budgets

- Operating Budget: Services
  - K-12 education
  - Community College education
  - Public safety: Police, Fire, Courts, Corrections
  - Transportation: Roads, Traffic, Bus
  - Social Services: Health, Income Maintenance, other
  - Environmental protection
  - Parks, recreation, and libraries
  - Land use planning and regulation
  - Trash collection and disposal
  - Economic development
  - Debt Service

- Capital Budget: Facilities
  - Schools, College facilities
  - Roads and bridges
  - Water and sewer facilities
  - Information technology infrastructure
  - Libraries
  - Police and fire stations
  - General government facilities

# Results Based Budgeting

- Transition from Incremental Based Budgeting
- Evaluate existing programs and requests for new services, improvements and expansion in terms of:
  - Direct, measurable contribution to County Executive priority results
    - Community Wide Indicators
    - Department Performance Plans
    - Departmental Program Measures
  - Contributing/Restricting Factors and Trends
  - Evidence based strategies
  - Partners/Collaboration

## Operating Budget

- County Budget is divided into two parts: Tax Supported and Non Tax Supported
- Tax supported side of the budget only, excludes grant and self-supporting funds (non-tax supported funds)
- Grants and Self Supporting funds are self sustaining and largely not subject to fluctuations in tax receipts.
  - Total Non Tax Supported Funds: \$554.3 M;
    - Grants: \$198.5 M. and
    - Self Supporting funds: \$355.8 M.

# County Executive's Fiscal Plan

#### Resources

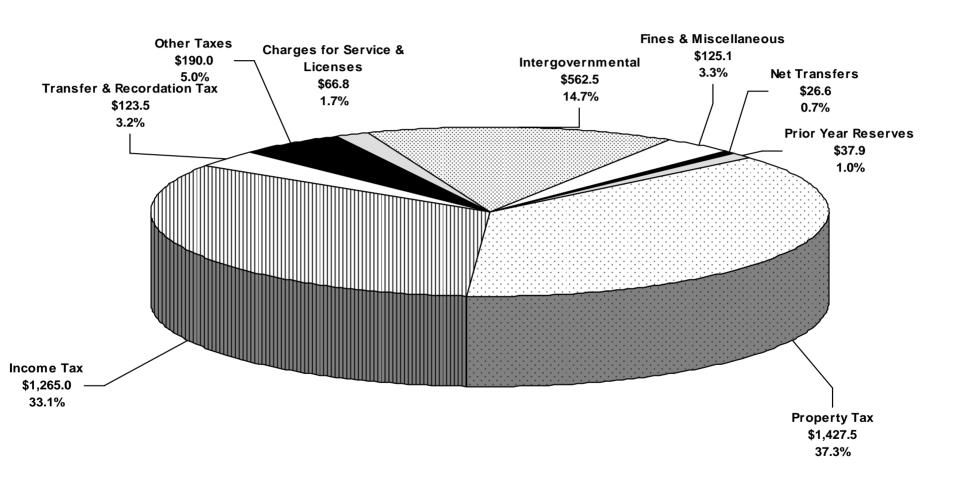
- Prior year fund balance
- Net transfers
- Revenues

#### Uses of Resources

- Current revenue to support the Capital Budget
- Debt service
- Year-end reserves
- Agency expenditures

#### **FY10 TAX SUPPORTED FISCAL PLAN SUMMARY**

#### **TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES - \$3,824.9 (million)**

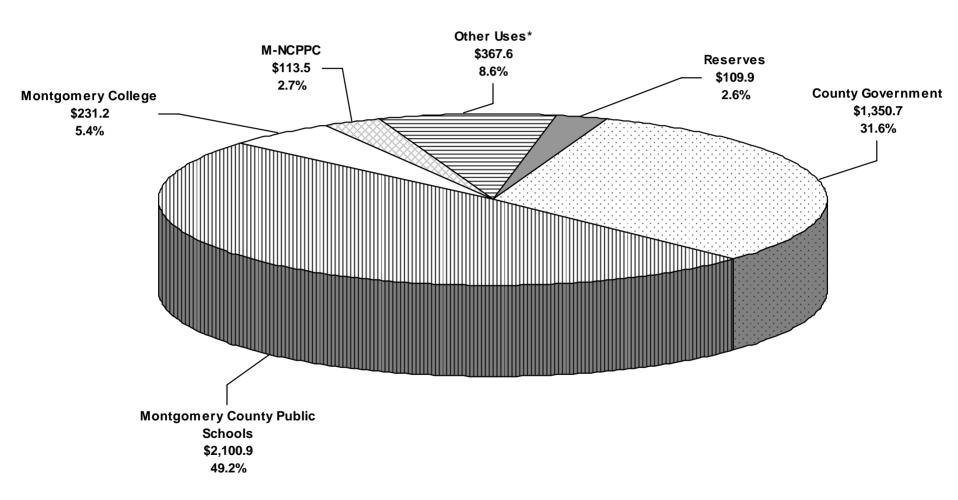


# FY10-15 Fiscal Plan Selected Fiscal Assumptions: Resources

- Property tax revenues are projected at the Charter Limit
- Other tax revenues and user fees are projected at their current rates
- Latest Revenue Estimates indicate decline in anticipated revenues of approximately \$284 million compared to estimates assumed at the time the FY09 budget was approved
- Full funding of existing intergovernmental aid formulas
  - State Aid for Schools including GCEI
  - Does not include State repayment of \$24 million or recalculation of FY10 Education Aid for Montgomery County

# FY10 TAX SUPPORTED FISCAL PLAN SUMMARY

**TOTAL PROJECTED USES OF FUNDS - \$4,273.8 (million)** 



<sup>\*</sup>This total covers funds to support Capital Investment including Debt Service, CIP Current Revenue, and Paygo.

#### FY10-15 Fiscal Plan Selected Fiscal Assumptions: Expenditures

- Expenditures at same services rate of growth
- Retiree Health Insurance phase-in included in agency operating budgets
- \$1.8 million in approved supplemental appropriations
- \$17.2 million set aside in FY09 for pending and potential supplemental appropriations (FY08 \$20.2 M)

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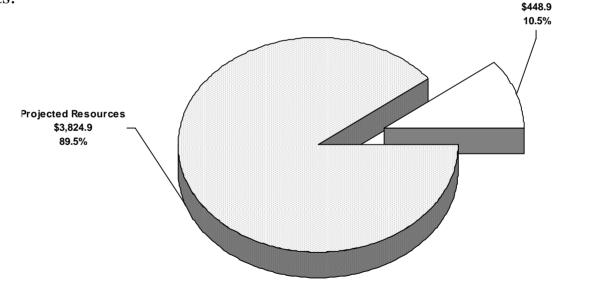
- Gap is difference between total projected resources and total projected uses
- The budget is balanced when projected resources are equal to all projected uses, including the funding of reserves to the policy level

#### FY10 TAX SUPPORTED FISCAL PLAN SUMMARY

#### **TOTAL PROJECTED USES - \$4,273.8 Million**

The Gap was reduced from \$515 million to \$449 million implementing the following measures:

- •A hiring freeze began during FY08 and continued in FY09.
- •Decreased FY09 spending by \$32.5 million across all agencies.
- •Reduced estimated FY09 supplemental appropriations by \$21.1 million.
- •Decreased agency spending in FY10 by \$16.3 million due to decreased fuel costs.



### Actions Taken to Date

- Hiring Freeze effective January 3, 2008
- 11 Point Economic Development Plan: Provide regulatory relief and expanded procurement opportunities for County businesses
- Liquidation of selected outstanding contracts
- FY09 Savings Plan: Identified savings of \$33 million:
  - County Government: \$25.4 M.
  - Public Schools: \$3 M.
  - Montgomery College: \$2.1 M.
  - MNCPPC: \$2.5 M.

### FY10 Fiscal Outlook

- Major expenditure pressures:
  - Compensation and benefits
  - Continued phase-in of pre-funding retiree health insurance benefits
  - Operating Cost of Capital Facilities (Schools, College, other)
  - Information Technology: Staffing, maintenance & license agreements, hardware replacement
  - Costs to *sustain* investments in education, public safety staffing, health care for uninsured, other health and human services, affordable housing, and other critical programs
  - Unavoidable cost increases related to:
    - energy costs: fuel and utilities,
    - insurance,
    - health care,
    - pensions, and
    - occupational medical services

### FY10 Fiscal Outlook

- Major expenditure pressures (continued):
  - Deferred infrastructure maintenance information technology, facilities, and roadways
  - Compliance with external mandates (e.g., HIPAA, Payment Card Industry, ADA, etc.)
  - Operating impact of new facilities libraries, schools, college, recreation centers, fire stations
  - Increasing student enrollment
  - Demand for new and enhanced services including expanded health care for the uninsured, early childhood education, subsidies for developmental disability service providers

## FY10 Fiscal Outlook

#### Risk and uncertainty:

- State Aid reductions: State agency implementation of directed expenditure reductions (e.g. reduction in formula aid, reimbursements, pressure for County to replace lost state funding, etc)
- Potential shifting of State responsibilities to local governments
- Further deterioration of the economy and its impact on local tax revenues and the demand for services
- Income tax: prolonged impact of equity market declines, wage freezes, stagnant job growth, and layoff
- Federal Economic Stimulus Package